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ABSORBENT ARTICLE)

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants hereby submit the following information in conformance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98, a copy of each of the documents cited is enclosed.

The following documents were cited on page 2 in the specification of the above-identified application:

EP 685214; and

EP 617602

Also enclosed is a copy of the International Search Report issued in connection with the corresponding PCT application. The following references were cited:

WO 93/11725;

WO 98/27904;

U.S. Patent 4,761,322;

EP 685214, cited above; and

WO 99/49825

The documents are being submitted within 3 months of the filing or entry of the national stage of this application or before the first Office Action on the merits, whichever is later, therefore no fee or statement is required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b).

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To assist the Examiner, the documents are listed on the attached form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that an Examiner initialed copy of this form be returned to the undersigned.

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